

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:

Erion et al.

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Title: **PRODRUGS FOR LIVER SPECIFIC** 

**DRUG DELIVERY** 

Group Art Unit: 1623

Examiner: Patrick Lewis

Mail Stop AF Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME & AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

The Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for his courtesy during a telephonic interview on December 18, 2003.

Applicants hereby petition for a 3-month extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a). With the granting of said extension, it is believed that this response is timely filed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-2613 for the 3-month extension fee due herein and any other fees that may become due or credit become payable during the pendency of this application. The amendment and response address the issues raised by the Examiner in a Final Office Action, dated June 30, 2003.

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